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Correction

In an article published April 14, 2021, titled "Local, statewide health officials decry SB 5," the Wabash Plain Dealer erroneously stated that Wabash County health commissioner Dr. David Roe opposed Senate Bill 5. The Plain Dealer would like to correct the record since Dr. Roe said he is not against SB 5, has never been a member of the Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA) and they do not reflect his views on this issue. The Plain Dealer failed to verify these claims made by IPHA and deeply regrets any confusion caused by the error.



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Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The

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Some local Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccinations canceled

Webb's Family Pharmacy in North Manchester had been offering weekly appointments

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The fallout from the pause of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine announced earlier this week continues both nationally and locally.

U.S. agencies on Tuesday recommended a "pause" in

using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of rare but potentially dangerous blood clots.

The CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that they were investigating unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. The acting

FDA commissioner said she expected the pause to last a matter of days.

As a result, on Tuesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) proactively notified all vaccination clinics using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to pause its use.

The ISDH stated they would send the two-dose Moderna vaccine to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway,

which was conducting mass vaccination clinics Tuesday, "so that Hoosiers can continue to get vaccinated without interruption."

On Tuesday, ISDH media relations coordinator Megan Wade-Taxter said that they had advised vaccination clinics that are using Johnson & Johnson to cancel appointments Tuesday and Wednesday "and will provide additional guidance once the updated federal

guidance is issued."

On Wednesday, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) refused to vote on any recommendations related to the previously announced pause.

"We continue to work with clinics to reschedule appointments and use the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines

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Opening a community pantry at the NMPL

Library to install free food distribution center on Monday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Even before the pandemic, food insecurity was a long-standing issue in Wabash County and the region.

But, that problem was exacerbated demonstratively by COVID-19.

For example, in January, Second Harvest president and CEO Tim Kean said they served four times as many food allotments at their tailgates, going up to 595,756 in 2020 compared to 150,939 in 2019.

To help alleviate this pressing issue locally, North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna Hann said they were "thrilled" to partner with Community Pantry North Manchester to open a free community pantry.

"The community pantry, a mutual aid space, is where people take responsibility for caring for one another by sharing resources," said Hann.

Hann said the new pantry will be a large cabinet that will host non-perishable food and paper supplies at the NMPL Market Street entryway.

Hann said they planned to install the pantry between 4 and 5 p.m. Monday, April 19.

"It will immediately be available for the public," said Hann. "The pantry will help those facing nutritional insecurity by providing easy access to free and nutritious food."

Hann said anyone who needs food or supplies will be able to access the pantry at any time to take what they need and leave what they don't.

Hann said Emily Poston from Community Pan-



Provided photo

NMPL programming coordinator Heidi Lovett and library director Diane Randall showcase where the pantry will be located.

try North Manchester approached the library first about the possibility of NMPL hosting the pantry.

"Not only did the partnership fit within the NMPL mission, to benefit and serve the community, but we also felt there was a need in the community, especially among those families who face food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Hann.

Hann said Emily Poston from Community Pan-

prioritize food, and their neighbors and community members stepped in to help ease the burden."

Poston said she also read an article in the Washington Post about it, and "was inspired by the idea of neighbors helping neighbors."

Poston said food pantries can also help eliminate food waste, by promoting food rescue and redistribution.

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National Day of Prayer events planned

Two local celebrations set for Thursday, May 6

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At locations across the country, the annual tradition of the National Day of Prayer (NDOP) will continue Thursday, May 6.

In Wabash, a pair of celebrations have been planned for the day, first from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on the lawn of the Wabash County Courthouse, and again at 6:30 p.m. at the Wabash City Park Pavilion, said Angela Penix.

Penix said the guest speaker will be Indiana Statehouse Chaplain Matthew Barnes.

Penix said participants should bring their lawn chairs and "rally with us for unity in the Wabash community as we affirm the freedom and liberty we have as Americans."

"We are praying for 500 attendees," said Penix.

Penix said the theme for this year's NDOP will be "Lord, Pour out Your Love Life and Liberty," which inspired by II Corinthians 3:17, which states, "Now the Lord is the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Penix, who works with the Common Ground Prayer House, 78 W. Hill St., said since they started their ministry 12 years ago, "we have tried to find ways to encourage the community to participate in NDOP."

"Whether it be to attend the noon event, an evening event or take part in a 24-hour prayer vigil," said Penix.

Penix said for the last

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Bowen Center, YMCA team up to offer new career opportunities

'Work That Matters Job Fair' set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Two local agencies committed to helping the community have decided to join forces next week.

The Bowen Center and the Wabash County YMCA will offer open interviews for career opportunities at their respective organizations, said Bowen Center public relations and marketing manager Claudia Johnson.

The "Work That Matters Job Fair" will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday,

April 19 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

"Interested job seekers can stop by anytime and take advantage of free snacks and childcare for children 8 years and younger while they learn more about careers that make a difference in the lives of others being offered by both nonprofits," said Johnson. "Attendees are encouraged to dress for success and bring their resume and list of references for on-the-spot interviews. Masks and social distancing are requested."

On Friday, Wabash County YMCA vice president of operations Patty Godfroy said Bowen Center assistant director Ashlie Schlemmer was the one who first

reached out about partnering to reach additional potential applicants for our numerous positions.

"We thought it was a great idea to team up with a local community business," said Godfroy.

Also on Friday, Schlemmer said she had originally reached out to the YMCA to see about having a career fair there "because I knew they had a large volume of Wabash residents coming through their doors daily."

"We brainstormed and came up with the idea of partnering with one another to see if we could reach more potential applicants," said Schlemmer.

Godfroy said the YMCA "actively employs hundreds of individuals of all ages

from Wabash County to staff a variety of departments of the Y."

"As many members and guests are steadily using the YMCA facility, participating in our numerous programs at the Y and at After School Care Programs, we are actively hiring in numerous positions all seasons of the year," said Godfroy.

Schlemmer said they were "always hiring" at the Bowen Center "because the need is always growing."

"Due to our continued growth we are always accepting potential applicants for our community-based services as well as office-based positions, such as therapist and administrative staff," said Schlemmer.

Godfroy said the main attri-

butes they were looking for in all candidates is the ability to support the work of the YMCA, "a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility."

"Each candidate will also be CPR certified and have the ability to pass a background check. Job-specific requirements are listed for each position," Godfroy said. "At a time when several companies are actively hiring across a spectrum of positions, the YMCA is committed to supporting the members and guests of our Y. We are always pursuing qualified applicants for a variety of positions."

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National Volunteer Week kicks off at Salamonie Lake on Monday

Workdays will continue throughout the summer

STAFF REPORT

National Volunteer Week will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, April 19 at Salamonie Lake's Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, with a variety of volunteer work-related activities, according to interpretive naturalist Lynanne Dennison-Fager.

Check-in and instructions will be available at the Interpretive and Nature Center.

The volunteer workdays will continue throughout the summer at:

- 9 a.m. Monday, May 17
- 9 a.m. Monday, June 21
- 9 a.m. Monday, July 26
- 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16
- 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

"Dress for the weather and Mother Nature's surprises: wear suitable clothing, boots or shoes, sunscreen, hats and bug spray," said Dennison-Fager. "Most tools (will be) provided. If you have a favorite pair of hand tools, feel free to use your own. No chainsaws."

Dennison-Fager said in

compliance with the Back on Track Indiana plan, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing guidelines and use of face coverings if indoors or closer than 6 feet will be practiced.

"Volunteer activities will include but are not limited to gardening, trail maintenance, pond clean up, invasive species removal, with other options available to suit your special needs and desires," said Dennison-Fager.

Call 260-468-2127 in advance to discuss personal preferences.

Pandemic was an 'acid test' for giving in Catholic parishes

Catholic leaders often whisper about "Christmas and Easter Catholics": people whose names are found on parish membership rolls, but who are rarely seen in the pews – except during crowded Christmas and Easter rites.

Thus, any study of the COVID-19 pandemic's financial impact on America's nearly 17,000 parishes had to start with the early lockdowns that turned Easter 2020 into a virtual event, with millions of Catholics stuck at home, along with their wallets and checkbooks.

Journalists at The Pillar, an independent Catholic website, collected online materials from 100 parishes in 10 strategic church provinces and found that total offerings were 12 percent lower in 2020 than the previous year. It was clear when the crisis became real.

Data researcher Brendan Hodge noted donations at Christmas – "perhaps in combination with secular notions both of making donations before the end of the tax year and of making resolutions for better tithing in the new calendar year" – and then Easter.

"But in 2020, the normal Easter surge in giving was reversed: The very lowest weeks of tithing came during the Lent and Easter weeks, when nearly all U.S. parishes were closed," Hodge noted, in the first of two investigative reports.

"This is how parishes tend to work, so we can assume the 80/20 rule was part of what was happening" in 2020, he said. Thus, the pandemic was an "acid test" that exposed old realities while raising new questions.

Terry Mattingly



er in-person rites could be held under social distancing regulations.

This raised an old issue: Why are some Catholics – in good times and bad – more loyal than others? This question is part of a pattern religious leaders have seen for decades, with about 80 percent of the work and support in most congregations coming from 20 percent of their members.

"In most cases, you have a minority of people in the parish who donate at all," said Hodge in a telephone interview. When clergy scan the pews, "it's easy to see that the people who are most faithful in worship are almost always the ones who are consistently giving."

"This is how parishes tend to work, so we can assume the 80/20 rule was part of what was happening" in 2020, he said. Thus, the pandemic was an "acid test" that exposed old realities while raising new questions.

The Pillar study included major regions in U.S. Catholic life, with several symbolic provinces added to the mix. Southern California, Texas and Florida, for example, provided numbers from heavily Latino parishes. Louisiana offered information from many Black parishes.

Hodge said he thought they would see lower offerings in areas with high death rates, but this wasn't true. One North Dakota parish – in the study's county with the highest COVID-19 death rate – actually saw a 16 percent rise in giving.

One safe assumption held true: There was a clear cor-

relation between declining donations and rising local unemployment rates. But there was no positive link between a high percentage of college graduates in specific ZIP codes and giving patterns in local parishes. The number of local households with incomes above \$100,000 also had "no correlation with 2020 changes to collections," noted the study.

It appeared that rural parishes might fare better than urban ones. "But when we put all the demographic factors" into a linear regression model, "we found that population density simply was not a significant predictor of how collections change."

In future studies, Hodge said, it will be important to ask other questions about strengths and weaknesses in parish life. For example: Do clergy meet with parish members to discuss tithing, the tradition of giving 10 percent of family income to church projects? Does a parish have a thriving Catholic school? How many members go to Confession? Are parishes dependent on funds raised in festivals or through rentals of church facilities?

"You can study a parish bulletin and see when things are working," he said. "You can see when a priest is emphasizing the things that parishes exist to do. You see it in worship schedules. You see it in mission projects."

"You can see when there's more to a parish than bingo night," said Hodge. "That's the kind of parish that has people who can handle tough times."

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Oath Keeper militia member is 1st suspect to plead guilty in Capitol riot

**By MICHAEL BALSAMO
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A member of the far-right Oath Keepers militia group and heavy metal guitarist on Friday became the first defendant to plead guilty to federal charges in connection with the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Jon Ryan Schaffer, the frontman of the band Iced Earth, has agreed to cooperate with investigators in hopes of getting a lighter sentence, and the Justice Department will consider putting Schaffer in the federal witness security program, U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta said.

This signals that federal prosecutors see him as a valuable cooperator as they continue to investigate militia groups and other extremists involved in the insurrection on Jan. 6 as Congress was meeting to certify President Joe Biden's electoral win.

Schaffer, a supporter of former President Donald Trump, was accused of storming the Capitol and spraying police officers with bear spray. He pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors in federal court in Washington to two

counts: obstruction of an official proceeding, and entering and remaining in a restricted building with a dangerous or deadly weapon.

An email seeking comment was sent to an attorney for Schaffer.

Schaffer was wearing a tactical vest and baseball hat that read "Oath Keepers Lifetime Member" on Jan. 6, and acknowledged in his plea agreement that he is a "founding lifetime member" of the extremist group, prosecutors said.

Schaffer was not charged in the case involving Oath Keepers members and associates, who are accused of conspiring with one another to block the certification of the vote. The case is the largest and most serious brought by prosecutors so far in the attack.

Authorities say those defendants came to Washington ready for violence and intent on stopping the certification. Many came dressed for battle on Jan. 6 in tactical vests and helmets and some discussed stationing a "quick reaction force" outside the city in the event they needed weapons, prosecutors have said.

In his deal with prosecutors, Schaffer admitted to being one of the first to force

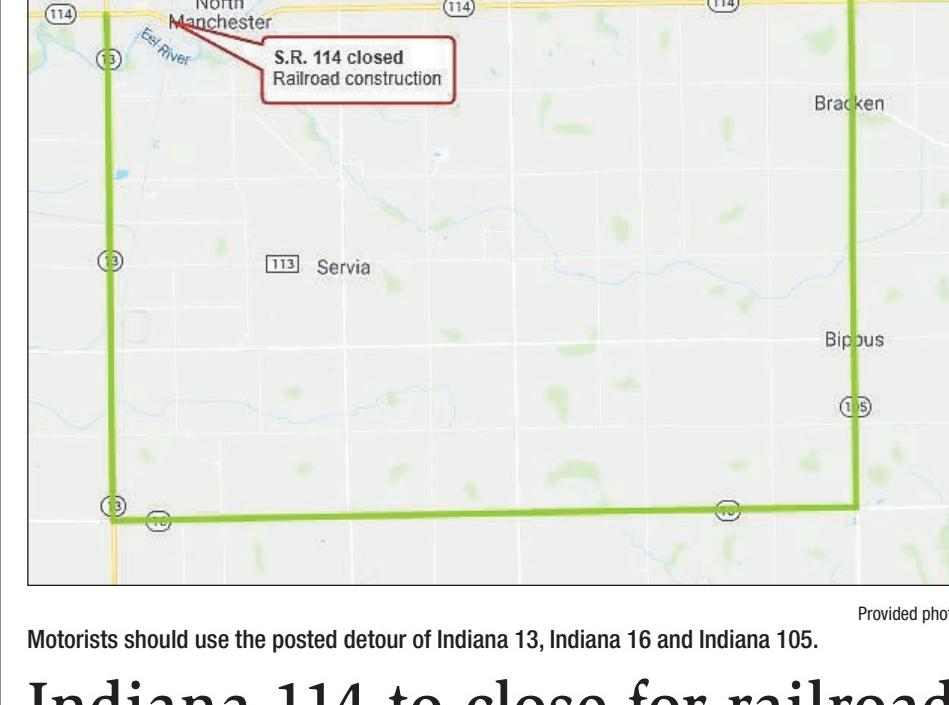
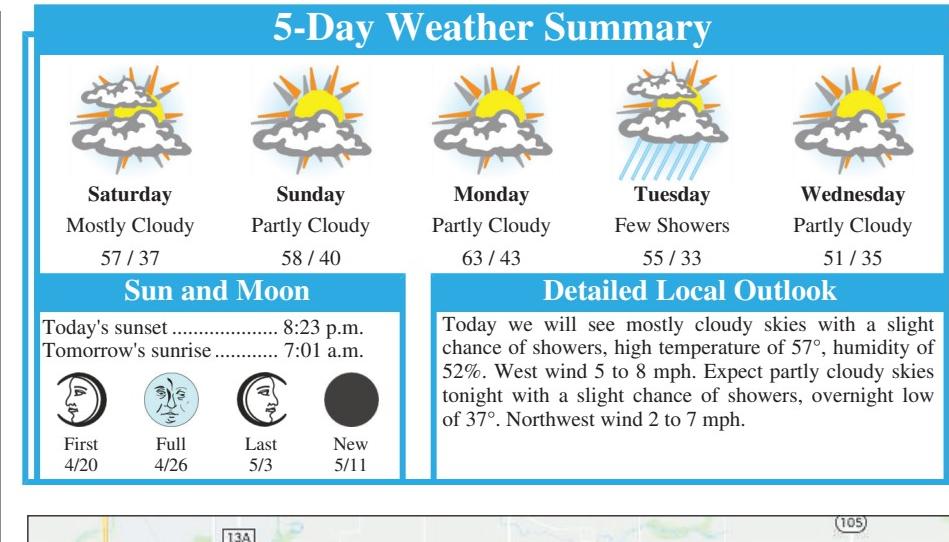
their way into the Capitol after the mob broke open a set of doors guarded by Capitol Police. Schaffer was sprayed in the face with a chemical irritant that overwhelmed officers deployed and left the Capitol while holding bear spray, authorities said.

Schaffer has voiced various conspiracy theories, once telling a German news station that a shadowy criminal enterprise is trying to run the world under a communist agenda and that he and others are prepared to fight with violence.

In court documents, the FBI said Schaffer "has long held far-right extremist views" and that he had previously "referred to the federal government as a 'criminal enterprise.'

He turned himself in to the FBI a few weeks after the riot, after his photograph was featured on an FBI poster seeking the public's help in identifying rioters.

More than 370 people are facing federal charges in the deadly insurrection, which sent lawmakers into hiding and delayed the certification of Biden's win. The Justice Department has indicated it is in separate plea negotiations with other defendants.



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Motorists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

Indiana 114 to close for railroad work in North Manchester

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced the pending closure of Indiana 114 for railroad crossing work, according to public relations

manager Hunter Petroviak.

Norfolk Southern is conducting the work between Beckley Street and Wabash Street in North Manchester.

Motorists should use the posted detour of Indiana 13, Indiana 16 and Indiana 105.

Work is expected to start on or after Monday, April 19 and will last for approximately five days.

"INDOT reminds motorists that all work is weather dependent and schedules are subject to change," said Petroviak.

If you don't know the Lord, He is a sincere prayer away

By ROXANE MANN

Let each of you look not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 2:4-5 (NKJV)

If you were to think about all the gifts you've been given, what would be the most significant gift?

I remember my husband telling me that he always wanted a Johnny Seven O.M.A. (One Man Army) and he was disappointed that he never received one for Christmas. Now he was a youngster at this time, so for many years to come, he would still recall how disappointed he was that he never received one.

But what if, he would have received the gift he had been telling his father and mother that he wanted? He would have felt like he was very important, I imagine like no one else was in the room but him. We can all give great gifts to people around us just by paying attention to what matters to them.

By listening and focusing on their needs instead of our own. We show how

important they are to us when we can just put them first.

God loves us with sacrificial love, and as we have freely received from Him, we should give love back to others by giving our time and attention. We

don't have to always come up with the next most expensive gift to show someone they are important.

Sometimes it just takes a quick note, a homemade item, time for visiting.

When we can love others even though they may be a bit unlovable, then and only then do we show the love of Christ in us. Today in our world there are many issues taking place, sides are being drawn and we are all left wondering where our nation is going to end up. We could all learn by just taking a simple word like "kindness" and begin to build again.

Saying thank you, please and excuse me, seem to be words people have forgotten how to say. What happened to us, that we have allowed for this culture to infiltrate Christianity. God has not changed just because people are calling for things to be different. The words in my

Bible have not changed. God is still the same as he was yesterday and will be forever. Hate the sin in all of us but love the human being inside.

The inner man is where we will find the spirit of God and I believe God has truly let every human being on the face of the planet know this, whether they want to admit it or not. Man knows what sin is to them, when I do something wrong, I intently know it because Holy Spirit calls me on it.

"How others don't believe is beyond me". The love of God is so wonderful and such a gift, I don't see why anyone wouldn't want to take advantage of forgiveness. God is always there to listen to us, and He never will ever give up on you, yes you. No matter how many times you might have felt like you failed. He is always there. He wants to show you He is real if you will but ask.

If you don't know the Lord, He is a sincere prayer away, just simply ask him to come into your heart and start a new life with Him today.

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Obituaries

Alice Kay Slagal

Feb. 12, 1942 - April 12, 2021

On Monday, April 12, 2021, Alice Kay Slagal, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend, passed away at the age of 79.

Kay was born on Feb. 12, 1942 in Peru, Indiana to Gerald and Mary (Fox) Hayes. She attended Somerset school, married Benny G. Crowe and had two children, Jerry Gayle Crowe and Mary Katherine (Crowe) Carroll. She raised her children in and around Wabash, Indiana, working for 30 years for General Tire, and then as a truck driver with her second husband, Donald Slagal, once her children were grown.

Kay had a passion for interior design and decorating. Friends and family marveled at her ever-changing decor and talent for finding just the right pieces to complete her vision. She loved to go "junking" to discover new treasures. Kay was also known for her hospitality and wonderful cooking, including her famous egg noodles. As an avid reader, she could devour a book a day and always kept up on current events.

Everyone who knew Kay loved her. She was a champion of the underdog, and had a knack for knowing just what you needed – whether it was offering sage advice, fixing a cup of coffee or a hot plate, or quietly attending to what needed to be done – she was always there for those in need. She will be remembered by friends, family and neighbors for her quick wit, ready laugh,



and kind and compassionate spirit. As one neighbor put it, "They don't make them like her anymore."

Kay was proceeded in death by her parents, as well as her husband Don. She is survived by her children, Jerry and Kathie, her sister, Carla (Hayes) Gaines, brothers, Danny Hayes, Buddy Hayes and Jerry Hayes; granddaughters Gina (Crowe) Cooper and Andrea Carroll-Gerstl, and several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

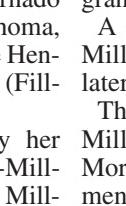
Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in her name to The Cancer Research Institute (cancerresearch.org) or Feeding America (feedingamerica.org).

The memorial guest book for Kay may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com

Doris H. Miller

Sept. 4, 1920 - April 12, 2021



Doris H. Miller, 100, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away April 12, 2021 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center in North Manchester. Doris was born in "Tornado Alley", Cushing, Oklahoma, Sept. 4, 1920 to the late Henry H. and Minnie Bell (Fillmore) Holderread.

Doris is survived by her sons, Paul (Kathy) Fry-Miller and Donald (Laura) Mill-

Wanda Lou Allen

Funeral services for Wanda Lou Allen Denney, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, were 10:00 am, Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Brian Chamberlain officiated. Cindy Wilson was the pianist and Jennifer Denney was the vocalist. Special

memories were shared by daughter, Lisa Paxton. Pallbearers were Erica Vogel, Travis Chamberlain, Amelia Roser, Levi Allen, Morgan Williams, Kate Myers, Russell Paxton, Tiffany Reimer, Tanner Chamberlain, and Garrett Paxton. Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro.

Appointments are also still available at the mass vaccination site at the former Roosevelt High School in Gary, which is offering the Pfizer vaccine. The Gary clinic is offering vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. CDT at 2401 Harrison St., Gary. Free transportation to and from the site is available through the Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) and a partnership between IU Health and Lyft. Language interpretation and support for those with disabilities, hearing or vision impairments are also available onsite. The Gary site and its associated mobile clinics have administered a combined 21,428 vaccinations since opening on April 7.

Two additional FEMA mobile units administering the Pfizer vaccine will op-

erate from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Saturday at East Chicago School Administration, 1401 E. 144th St., East Chicago; and La Porte Rural King 1340 St. Road 2 West, LaPorte.

To find other vaccination sites, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 to schedule an appointment. Hoosiers age 16 and older are now eligible.

As of Friday, a total of 3,646,880 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 2,119,408 first doses and 1,527,472 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Also Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,327 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 704,632 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

Hann said while many libraries in the country also host Free Little Food Pantries, the NMPL "is excited to add their names to the list."

"The library is a vital center

of information and activity in our community," said NMPL director Diane Randall. "This collaborative partnership is a great fit with the library's mission and we are excited to be part of this project."

Hann said a local art student from Manchester Community Schools will paint a mural onto the outside of the pantry in late May, "which

will not only add visibility to the pantry, but it will set a tone for the space."

Those who wish to contribute can donate non-perishable food items, paper supplies and hygiene items, either by leaving them in the pantry, bringing them into the library or arranging a porch pick up by emailing communitypantrynm@gmail.com.

Open positions at the Wabash County YMCA include aftercare enrich-

ment leaders, child watch attendants, membership representatives, personal trainers, Spark summer teachers, summer day camp enrichment leaders, weekend and evening lifeguards and wellness staff.

For more information, visit www.praywabash.org.

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tion of 5 or more items for the pantry will earn 'NMPL Bucks,' which can be turned in for prizes, books and gifts at a variety of special library events throughout the year."

For more information, visit www.nman.lib.in.us.

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Sister Patricia E. O'Bryan

July 03, 1935 - April 12, 2021



Sister Pat, Sister Mary Xavier before returning to her baptismal name, consecrated her life to Christ as a Sister of St. Joseph for more than 50 years. Dedicated to helping Kids and Families, Sister devoted her early days to school teacher, principal, pastoral assistant then on to Founder and Executive Director of Edelweiss House. She always helped others strive to be their best and to keep Families together in a strong Christian atmosphere.

Parents: Sylvester "Jimmy" and Julia Jones O'Bryan RIP, Brothers & Sisters: 9 Irish Brothers 4 Irish Sisters: Bert (Marlene RIP) O'Bryan, Jim RIP (MaryAnne Morrissey), Colleen (Robert RIP) Giles, Muriel (Joseph RIP) Spitznagle, Judy (Pat Kaufman RIP)-(Maurice) Nickles, Michael (Mary Ann) O'Bryan, Willie (Sarah)

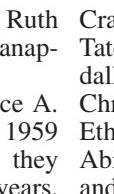
ah) O'Bryan, Norman (Darlene) O'Bryan, Tim (Karen) O'Bryan, Bob (Kathy) O'Bryan, Karen "Sister's Sister" O'Bryan, John (Kim) O'Bryan, Jerry (Jan) O'Bryan, 47 nephews and nieces and numerous greats.

At Sister Pat's direction: Sister Pat's Siblings, Spouses and EHI Board of Directors ONLY will attend Mass for Sister. All others are welcome to join us IN SPIRIT during this private service on Thursday, April 15th at 1 p.m. as we remember Sister Pat. With smiles on your faces as we pray: Praise be Jesus, the Christ. God bless Sister Pat. May she rest with Jesus. Amen.

Please do not send flowers. If you care to send a memorial, either visit our website: edelweisshouse.org or mail to: EHI, 592 N 650 E, Greensburg, IN 47240.

Yolanda Mae Keller

July 11, 1938 - April 14, 2021



Yolanda Mae Keller entered into her eternal reward at the age of 82 in Kokomo, IN on 4/14/2021 after an extended illness. She was born on July 11, 1938 to Johnny and Ruth (Scales) Mann in Indianapolis, IN.

Mae married Lawrence A. Keller, Sr. on Feb. 21, 1959 in Wabash, IN and they were married for 49 years. She retired after 30 years at General Motors in Kokomo. In past years, she was in the church choir and a Sunday school teacher at Zion Tabernacle in Kokomo. She was a member of Southside Apostolic Church in Kokomo and enjoyed collecting bird figurines and spending time with her family.

Mae is preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter: Annette Keller, brother: Kenneth Mann and sister: June Eubank.

Surviving are her children: Lawrence A. Keller, Jr. (Carolyn), Pamela G. Craig (Douglas), Mona M. Tate, grandchildren: Randall Keller, Bethany Rohrer, Chris Baker, Lauren Lucas, Ethan Craig, Andrew Craig, Abigail Craig, Nathan Tate and Jacob Tate and 7 great grandchildren.

Visitation hours are at Sunset Memory Gardens in Kokomo at 12-2pm and the service at 2pm on 4/20/2021 with Rev. Melvin Kuntzman officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery.

Many thanks to the staff at Kokomo Place and SouthernCare Hospice for taking care of our mother in her final days.

Deborah Lou (Rogers) Flannery

June 27 1949 - April 13, 2021

Deborah Lou (Rogers) Flannery, 71, rural Denver, passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at her residence.

Born June 27 1949, in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with family friend Mike Sheehan officiating. Burial will follow in West-

lawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Scratching Post Cat Rescue.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

Penix said they were hoping to have more than ever attend our outdoor evening event at the Wabash City Park this year as Barnes planned to join them.

"He is inviting our state representatives to attend and perhaps even senators," said Penix.

Penix said last year's celebration was conducted virtually "and had even more people watch the videos that were posted throughout the day" on

"It's possible to join by phone during this hour as well for those who cannot be there in person," said Penix. "So, our prayers continue throughout the year."

Also, Penix said their other current times open to praying with the community are 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, when they are open for people to come there for prayer as they have two or more people there to pray with them, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, with a focus on the community.

"It is open other times by appointment either alone or with a group," said Penix.

"We have several small groups that use the house as a common meeting place."

For more information, visit www.praywabash.org.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain

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Climbing bolts found on 1,000-year-old petroglyphs in Utah

COLORADO SPRINGS (AP)

Federal public lands officials are investigating after climbing bolts damaged an ancient petroglyph site near Moab, Utah.

The line of bolts was inserted into the middle of a large rock-art image left by Indigenous people more than 1,000 years ago, climber Darrin Reay told the Colorado Springs Gazette. He said he mistook the rock art for graffiti when he placed the bolts used by climbers to anchor their clips. When he realized what he had done, he said he reported to a ranger at Moab's Bureau of Land Management field office.

The agency declined to provide details to the newspaper or confirm whether Gilber-

coronavirus pandemic, she said. Still, "we firmly believe here in our office that shaming and blaming is not the way to make change."

A Colorado Springs man, 36-year-old Richard Gilbert, took responsibility in an interview with the Gazette. He said he mistook the rock art for graffiti when he placed the bolts used by climbers to anchor their clips. When he realized what he had done, he said he reported to a ranger at Moab's Bureau of Land Management field office.

The agency declined to

provide details to the newspaper or confirm whether Gilbert was behind the damage, calling it an active investigation. Officials did warn people against "harassment or threatening behavior."

Under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, first-time violators could be fined up to \$20,000 and imprisoned for up to one year.

Gilbert said he typically puts in climbing bolts to help young climbers or those with disabilities.

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three years they have also planned evening events on NDOP "so that more might have an opportunity to join in corporate prayer for our nation."

Penix said during the 2019 NDOP celebration at Legacy Hall, they had between 80 and 90 attend the evening gathering, while there were approximately 12 pastors from the community participating in the event.

"I would say it is geared towards people of faith and any Bible-believing denomination. All are invited to join us," said Penix.

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JOB FAIR

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Schlemmer said the Bowen Center is "a community-based mental health agency that focuses on the total care of our patients including mind, body and spirit."

"We are looking for candidates that are passionate about the populations we serve," said Schlemmer.

"At Bowen, we provide ongoing training opportunities to ensure that our employees are always learning and up to date on current evidenced-based practices. For our community-based positions, we are looking for applicants with five years of experience, or an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree. For our administrative roles, we require a high school diploma. All candidates must be able to pass a background check."

Open positions at the Wabash County YMCA include aftercare enrich-

ment leaders, child watch attendants, membership representatives, personal trainers, Spark summer teachers, summer day camp enrichment leaders, weekend and evening lifeguards and wellness staff.

For more information, visit wabashcountymca.org/jobs.

The Bowen Center has positions open for client services, skills coaches and skills technicians.

"Currently our Wabash office serves close to 2,500 patients and growing," said Schlemmer.

"There are more residents than ever seeking mental health services in Wabash County and we want to continue to meet this need for our community and we are lucky to be able to say that we are always hiring at Bowen Center."

For more information, visit Careers.BowenCenter.org.

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VACCINE

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following the ACIP's decision to extend the pause in the use of the Johnson

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subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Amazon and unions: An unfair fight, but not yet over

Goliath beats David isn't half as good a story, but it is the usual way of the world. So last week's news that Amazon has fended off an attempt by workers to form its first ever US trade union is unsurprising, if sad. What intrigues is the volume and variety of support that the struggle won across the US and the world, from faith leaders to the NFL players association to Republican ever-hopefuls such as Marco Rubio. In that intensity of interest lies the real surprise: the change in popular politics towards both big business and workers.

As battles go, it was always ridiculously lopsided. In one corner you had the world's richest man sitting atop corporate America's second-largest employer, in perhaps the most anti-union country in the rich world. Opposing him were workers and activists in Alabama, one of the most conservative of all US states, trying something never attempted before in the land of the free: to unionize an entire Amazon warehouse, those hangars full of consumer goods and crushing conditions for workers that together define our way of life. No wonder Jeff Bezos won last week, with workers at the Bessemer warehouse voting more than two to one against

forming a union. That result allows Amazon to continue hiring and firing at will. It also brings to a halt perhaps the most watched union drive in the US in years. The future of industrial relations inside a giant warehouse in the Deep South became a subject of debate across Europe, so vast is Amazon's empire. In the UK, the GMB and Unite are both looking to organize more Amazon employees.

Just why the defeat was so large is a question that has prompted much soul-searching among American progressives, with some blaming poor strategic choices by the activists and the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union claiming Amazon pursued "egregious and illegal" anti-union tactics, allegations that the company denies. But perhaps the fairest assessment is that from the longstanding labour writer and activist Jane McAlevey: "If the rules for unionization in the US came close to being fair, they (pro-union workers) would have won. But the rules aren't fair. Quite the opposite: they are outrageously unfair."

But there are two hopeful lessons that America and the rest of the world can take from this story of disappointment. First, it is now convention to argue that societies need

strong unions. Last month, Joe Biden gave that message in a video address, but he is only catching up with some of his neighbours in Washington. Researchers at the International Monetary Fund have long pointed out the links between inequality and financial crises, and argued that "restoration of the lower income group's bargaining power is more effective" than a crash in righting a giant wealth gap. In that battle between the billionaire Mr Bezos and the Alabama workers, it's clear who those IMF researchers would have rooted for.

Second, the excitement around that Alabama ballot shows how far sentiment in the capitalist heartland is moving against big business and towards labor. Opinion polls suggest American public approval for trade unions is the highest it has been in almost 20 years, at 65 percent. This is not a shift in mood that has been led by Mr Biden; rather, the president is being compelled to channel it, often under the tutelage of politicians and advisers further to the left. This is a very different kind of politics than seen in the era of Barack Obama. Where it goes next will be worth watching.

This editorial was first published in The Guardian.



Facebook 'friendship' is qualified

None of my best friends is Black.

OK, I apologize. I did that just to get your attention. We have become so race conscious in the last couple of years, I figured that sentence would cause everybody to read further, if for no other reason than to see if I would say something irredeemably stupid.

What I really want to talk about is friendship, specifically what it means to be a friend.

If I remember my comparatives and superlatives, it goes good, better, best. That means I would need at least three friends to designate one of them my "best" friend, and I don't think I qualify.

Well, I did have two best friends in high school, one to go bowling and fishing and girl-ogling with, and one to sit around with and talk about how

smarter we were than everybody else. But that came from the passion of youth, when we had the deepest, most earnest feelings about the silliest, most superficial things.

As an adult, I've been more discerning. I've come to see friends as those you can tell anything to, who will always have your back and know you will have theirs, who will never judge you but accept you as you are, flaws and all.

A friend is someone so special as to be rare, worth the world to find and too precious to let go of. It's not just a likable acquaintance you hang out with when there's nothing better to do. If you're lucky, you'll have but a handful of them in your whole life.

What brings this up is that I have finally joined Facebook, apparently after everyone else in the known universe.

It was sort of an accident.

I went online looking for a barbershop, since my previous one did not survive the great COVID lockdown, and ended up on one shop's Facebook page.

Suddenly, there was a popup box asking if I'd like to join, so I started filling out the form. Be a good place to schedule haircuts, I thought, and maybe pick up some tidbits of the gossip

barber shops are famous for.

Turns out it was a Facebook signup form, though. Since I was almost through it, I thought, "Oh, why not?" – you know, like we did back in high school – and before I knew it, I had my own page.

Upon which I started getting all these friend requests, at first from people I know and then from people who know people I know and then from people who know people who know people I know – as Facebook

happily tells me, "You have five" or 20 or 45 "mutual friends!"

Before I knew it, I had nearly 100 Facebook "friends," which gets more absurd the more I think about it.

They're a motley bunch, blue collar and white, liberal and

conservative, spiritual and

cynical, shy and ostentatious,

sort of like the cross-section of

people you'd find in a high school

homeroom or waiting with you

to go next at the BMV.

And they're judgmental,

I notice. Any time I post

something, someone can come

along and click on "like" or

ignore it, leaving me despondent.

Now, that's something I

will take from people I think

of as "friends" by my admittedly narrow and exaggerated definition, because I know they have my best interests at heart.

But I suspect that someone on Facebook who doesn't like my opinion of the General Assembly is not nudging me to be a better person.

Speaking of which, I notice Indiana government has its own Facebook page. I do not think I will friend Indiana government.

I still think of government as a necessary evil, and that's not a healthy attitude to take into a new relationship.

I will consider individual

politicians, though – they're people, too, after all. I've already

friended one city councilman

with whom I've played bridge

and another one who represents

my district and I hope will

take my calls when I complain

about the potholes in my alley.

Hey, we're buds, right? Pals.

Chums. Compadres.

I'm still thinking about Governor Holcomb.

His page is a little bit of a

turnoff, all those photos of him

standing solemnly in front of

an American flag. But if we be-

come Facebook cronies – oops,

bad word, sorry, Eric – I can

kindly point out to him, strictly

in an effort to nudge him to

better personhood, that his new

beard really isn't as cool as he

thinks it is.

Besides, I can then say

proudly that the governor is

one of my besties. We have 6.8

million mutual friends, after all.

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George Will's 2021 opening day quiz

Orioles manager Earl Weaver once said of a pitcher, "I gave Mike Cuellar more chances than my first wife." You get one chance to name:

1. The three teams' rotations featuring three Hall of Famers.

2. The player with the most World Series rings (6) without any from the Yankees.

3. The player who was caught just 13 times while stealing 104 bases in a single season.

4. The Hall of Fame pitcher who in the 1950s averaged 301 innings, completing 237 of 370 starts.

5. The player who hit the most home runs in his first 10 years.

6. The Most Valuable Player who led the American League in errors as a fielder and in strikeouts as a hitter.

7. The two Hall of Famers who played for 23 years, each with only one team.

8. The slugger who in 1968, the "year of the pitcher," hit 10 homers in a 20-at-bat span.

9. The six who won two MVP awards before their 26th birthdays.

10. The team that had a player lead the league in homers and RBIs in 1953 and a different player do it in 1954.

11. The year when three center fielders were a league's leaders in batting average, home runs and RBIs.

12. The pitcher who holds the National League and American League records for appearances in a season.

13. The NL player who won six home run titles while hitting more than 500 home runs as a lefthander.

14. The slugger who hit the most home runs in his final season.

15. The hitter who is eligible but is not in the Hall of Fame even though he had six seasons with 200 or more hits.

16. The last teammates to have at least 150 RBIs each in a season.

17. The pitcher who had 107 wins and 1,233 strikeouts through his age-22 seasons.

18. The four players with at least 10 Gold Gloves and 400 homers.

19. The second baseman who won an MVP award in the 1950s.

20. The two players who were both an NL Rookie of the Year and an AL MVP.

21. The only slugger to hit 50-plus homers in a season while striking out fewer than 50 times.

22. The player with the most pinch-hit homers.

23. The holder of the Reds' single-season home-run record.

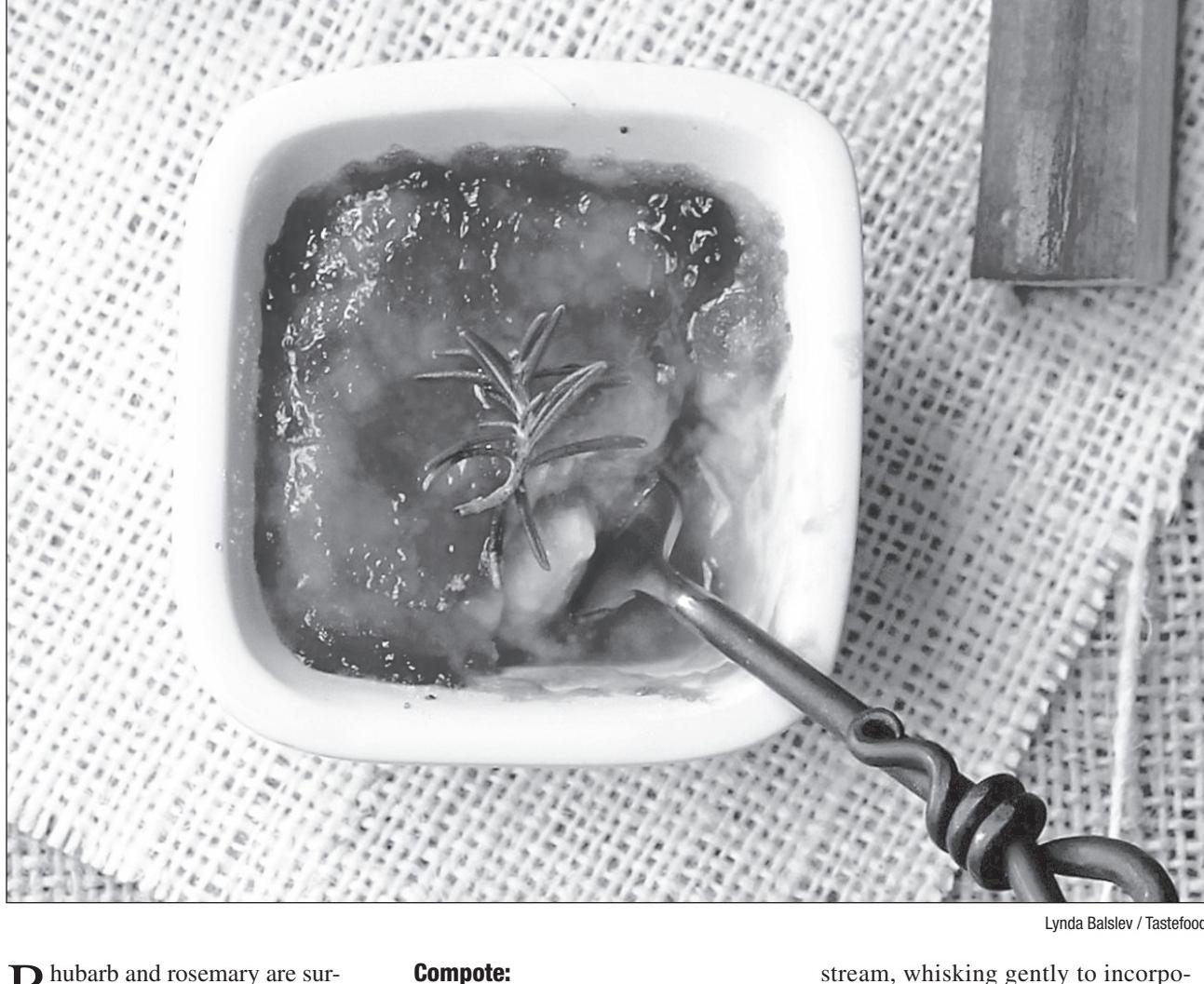
24. The Hall of Famer who holds the NL career record for homers by a pitcher.

25. The only non-Yankee to hit 10 or more World Series homers.

26. The slugger who led the AL in homers in

LIFESTYLES

A not-so-classic creme brulee



Lynda Balslev / Tastefood

Rhubarb and rosemary are surprising bedfellows in this creme brulee.

Upright stalks of brilliantly hued rhubarb are always the first to arrive in the spring produce parade. Rhubarb's natural astringency may overwhelm

at first bite, but with a little sugar and fruit, its tartness is successfully tamed. For this dessert, however, I chose not to rely on rhubarb's dependable sweet partner, the strawberry, because I did not want additional sweetness or liquid in the compote, which is spooned into the bottom

of the custards. I preferred a subtle background flavor that would tickle the tongue and ground the sweet creaminess of the custard. So, I added a sprig of rosemary — yes, rosemary — to the compote and the custard while they cooked, infusing them with a hint of lemon and pine. The result was subtle but notable, producing a creme brulee that is at once rich and creamy, sweet and tart, earthy and heavenly.

Rhubarb and Rosemary

Creme Brulee

Active time: 40 minutes

Total time: 1 hour and 20 minutes, plus cooling and chilling time

Yield: Makes 6 servings

Compote:

1 pound rhubarb, diced
3/4 cup sugar
1 (2-inch) rosemary sprig
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
Creme Brulee:
2 cups heavy cream
1 (2-inch) rosemary sprig
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 large egg yolks
1/2 cup sugar plus extra for sprinkling
Finely grated lemon zest for garnish

Directions: Combine the compote ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer until the rhubarb is soft, about 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from the heat, discard the rosemary sprig and cool to room temperature.

Heat the oven to 325 degrees.

Arrange six (6-ounce) ramekins in a baking dish. Spoon some of the rhubarb compote into the ramekins, about 1/3 inch deep. (Refrigerate the remaining compote for another use.)

Heat the cream in a clean saucepan over medium heat until it just begins to boil. Remove from the heat and add the rosemary sprig. Let the cream steep for 5 minutes, then discard the rosemary sprig. Stir in the vanilla.

In a mixing bowl, beat the egg yolks and the 1/2 cup sugar until light. Add the cream in a steady

stream, whisking gently to incorporate. Ladle the cream mixture over the rhubarb in the ramekins. Pour boiling water into the baking dish halfway up the ramekins to make a bain marie, or water bath.

Transfer the baking dish to the oven and bake until the custards are just set but still wobble a bit when gently jiggled, 35 to 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and cool the custards in the water for 15 minutes. Remove the ramekins from the pan, place on a wire rack and cool completely. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

Before serving, sprinkle each ramekin with 1 to 2 teaspoons sugar or enough to evenly cover. Place the ramekins on a baking sheet and broil under an oven broiler until the tops are deep golden brown, 3 to 4 minutes, rotating the baking sheet for even cooking and carefully watching to prevent burning. If using a blowtorch, hold the flame 2 to 3 inches above the custard, slowly moving it back and forth until the sugar melts and turns deep golden brown.

Serve garnished with lemon zest.

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In these times of COVID-19, how does adults wearing masks affect children's speech development?

By ALISON BOWEN

Chicago Tribune (TNS)

CHICAGO — Brittany Manning is a Ph.D. student studying how children learn to speak. She is also a mother, wondering how masks might affect her infant daughter's ability to learn language.

"I've been having a lot of these conversations with a lot of moms," said the Northwestern grad student. "A lot of moms are concerned."

Manning and other parents are not alone. Speech therapists and those who work with children have been closely monitoring throughout the past year the effect of children learning to form words while living in a world where most adults near them have their mouths covered by masks.

"We know that kids pay attention to the mouth of the person talking with them," said Elizabeth Norton, an assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders at Northwestern University.

First, the good news. There are many pre-pandemic examples of children who cannot see faces who learn to speak just fine. For example, in a home where a mother might often wear a face covering, or for children who are blind.

"Kids are crazy resilient, and the brain is really built to learn language," Norton said.



Chris Sweda / Chicago Tribune / TNS
Pediatric speech language pathologist Jess Dieter works with Jameson Kays, 4, at CST Academy in Chicago on April 13.

"Most kids will probably be pretty OK, but we're not going to know for a while."

Norton and her colleagues have been studying how the pandemic generally is affecting kids' language development, and if that changes for

children already struggling with learning to talk or who come from families who have to manage COVID-19 more, like essential workers or those supervising remote learning.

So far Norton suspects children who may be most affected are those learning two languages — which adds an additional layer to learning — or with parents who are essential workers. For other children, the last year might have meant more time at home with their parents and more opportunities to converse with their family.

Another issue with masks

is acoustics, Norton said.

"It's a little bit harder to hear speech through a mask," she said. So in general, people should remember to speak a little clearer, and a little louder.

Seeing mouths make words is part of how children learn to speak, but it isn't the only way; they also take in language through sound and listening to conversations.

Infants are naturally inclined to imitate other people, for example sticking their tongue out if an adult sticks their tongue out.

"Babies come prewired, very ready to start imitating their caregiver," Norton said. "It's adorable. So babies are very good at recognizing facial expression."

For learning language,

"sometimes the shape of your mouth can help you tell apart two sounds that

sound similar," Norton added.

For children with hearing loss, for example, this can help. "They're just working a touch harder to figure out exactly what sounds are coming out. The shape of the mouth can be an extra clue."

Manning thinks many parents might feel like they are in an experiment nobody signed up for, looking at "how do children develop language with masks?" she said.

As the mom of an 8-month-old, Manning is both monitoring her own baby's milestones and in conversations with other parents concerned

about what masks might mean. Although she occasionally hears something from a stranger on the sidewalk about how sad it must be for babies to see people wearing masks, she is herself not overly concerned.

"She's never known anything different," she said. Her daughter is babbling and loves clapping and waving, all normal signs, she said. She is reassured by knowing that children are hard-wired to learn language.

"There's been moments that, even for myself, I've just had to stop and think about how this could be potentially impacting my daughter and other children," she said.

"If I'm having that concern, I can imagine parents that know less about language development than I do, this is amplified for them."

The IRS is looking to send \$1.3 billion in refunds for people who didn't file a 2017 return

While millions of people still wait and worry about when their stimulus payments will be delivered, there's a group of folks who could receive some much-needed money

from another source — if only they would file a three-year-old tax return.

The IRS says it has unclaimed income tax refunds

worth more than \$1.3 billion for an estimated 1.3 million taxpayers who never got around to filing a federal return for 2017.

"We want to help people get these refunds, but they will need to quickly file a 2017 tax return," IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig said.

Filers have extra time to claim the refunds because the tax deadline has been extended from April 15 to May 17. The IRS estimates the median or midpoint for the potential refunds for 2017 to be \$865.

Live in Alaska and didn't file for 2017? The median potential refund is \$960. In Maryland and Virginia, it's \$872 and \$827, respectively. In the District, it's \$878. Massachusetts has the largest median refund at \$978.

By law, taxpayers have three years to claim a refund. So May 17 is the last chance to get your money for the 2017 tax year. Filing may also open the door to the earned-income tax credit (EITC) for low- and moderate-income workers.

For 2017, the credit was worth as much as \$6,318, the IRS points out.

"Even though the May 17 deadline is still a month off, that's not much time when you're looking at making sure you have the old records you need," IRS spokesman Eric Smith said.

If 2017 W-2s or other documents are missing, contact employers, banks or other businesses now. "If subsequent back-year returns, that is, 2018 and 2019 returns, are also unfiled, be sure to file them soon as well," Smith said.

"The 2017 refund will be delayed if there are missing returns for those subsequent years. Electronic filing is not available for these back-year returns.

Be sure to mail each return to the IRS in a separate envelope."

And what happens, you may wonder, to the money, if people miss the deadline? It goes to the Treasury Department.

Here are some additional tax issues you should be aware of as the filing deadline approaches.

Estimated taxes. The IRS has not extended the deadline to pay estimated taxes. That due date for the first quarter of 2021 is still April 15. However, gig workers or the self-employed, who are not incorporated, still have until May 17 to file and pay for 2020.

Coronavirus relief and the premium tax credit for health insurance. If you use a premium tax credit to help pay for health coverage, you should know that the IRS has suspended the requirement to repay excess advance payments for 2020.

The premium tax credit is a refundable credit designed to help eligible individuals and families with low or moderate income afford health insurance purchased through the Affordable Care Act health insurance marketplace, also known as the exchange.

People can use the credit

in advance of filing their federal tax returns. How large a credit they get is based on a sliding scale that takes into account family size and projected household income.

When people enroll for marketplace insurance, they can choose to apply all or some of the credit to their monthly premium paid to the insurance company to lower what they owe. This is referred to as an advance payment of the premium tax credit (APTC).

If they end up earning too much, however, they could owe the government when they file their tax return. That happens every year. But in 2020, many workers found themselves with larger tax bills because extra coronavirus-related unemployment payments increased their income.

But under the American Rescue Plan enacted in March, excess payments owed for the advance premium tax credit were suspended for last year.

The IRS says taxpayers who have already filed their 2020 tax returns and who have excess APTC do not need to file an amended tax return or contact the IRS. The agency will reduce what they owe to zero with no further action needed. The IRS said the agency will reimburse people who have already repaid any excess advance premium tax credit.

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Unemployment compensation monies that were for weeks in 2020 but not paid until 2021 still be eligible for this relief?"

Unfortunately, no, the exclusion applies only to unemployment benefits received in 2020, according to Smith.

As I've recommended to a lot of people, bookmark irs.gov. This has been a challenging tax season. You should regularly visit the agency's website to keep up with issues that may affect your particular situation.

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purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra presents 'Woodwind Quintet' performance

The Marion Philharmonic Orchestra concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 18. These two free concerts, with donations encouraged, will be held at one of the newer venues in Marion: the Sender Building, in the Reception Room at 100 S. Washington St. Masks are encouraged and in keeping with social distancing, the same concert will be presented two times to keep audiences small. Concert-goers will need to visit mpomarion.org to make the required reservation for whichever date they prefer or call 765-662-0012 or email mpo.marion@gmail.com.

Babe of Wabash County prepares for the grand opening

Babe of Wabash County is finally planning on opening its doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at 88 W. Hill St. Once they open, the hours would be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays. The May First Friday open house will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 when a tour, refreshments and crafts will be available. Babe T-shirts will soon be available at the Wabash Visitor Center, 221 S. Miami St., and at their booth on May's First Friday for \$20. Ford said Babe of Wabash County is 100 percent community-supported. If you are interested in donating to Babe or would like to become a coupon vendor, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com. Donations to the Babe of Wabash County fund can be made online at cfwabash.org or by check, with Babe of Wabash County in the memo line, sent to the Community Foundation, 105 W. 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distribution

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or [https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410](http://www.givepulse.com/group/203410).

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com.

Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs through April

Wabash Marketplace's "Shop Hop" in downtown Wabash takes place Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary.

Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, April 30. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are: Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.; Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.; Oh My! Cakes, 2 W. Market St.; and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each

of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at www.wabashmarketplace.org. The winner will be selected the week of Monday, May 3.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Visit Wabash County plans historic buildings tour for May

The tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8. The cost will be \$25 per person and will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St., Wabash. The North Manchester buildings included in the tour will be The Union Block and Straus Building, The Tower House and The L.Z. Bunker House. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the next one scheduled for May 20 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Manchester University sets in-person graduation ceremonies

Several small, in-person ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, May 22 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. Graduate and Professional ceremony are at 9 a.m. for Doctor of Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training, Master of Pharmacogenomics, and the dual degree in pharmacy and pharmacogenomics (Pharm.D. and MS in Pgx). Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy (M.Acct.) ceremonies are in this order: 11:30 a.m. Honors Program, College of Arts and Humanities, M.Acct. and Gilbert College of Business; 2:30 p.m. College of Pharmacy, Natural and Health Sciences; and 4:30 p.m. College of Education and Social Sciences.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds,

located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Siders by email at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. Petroviak said the work is set to wrap up in July.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work

is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an ongoing basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

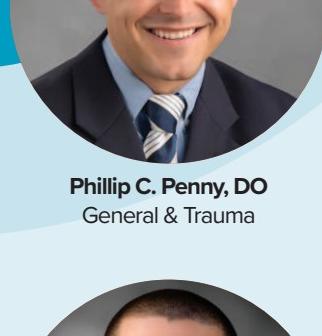
DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, or call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, April 18 at Asbury Country Church, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message will be, "Food for Thought" by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting www.bachelorcreek.com.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, April 18, the worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Tom Richards' scripture reading will be Matthew 7:7-12 with a sermon reflection titled "Your Golden Rule." Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. COVID-19 precautions will be taken in the form of masks being worn by prayer house representatives and social distancing. For more information,

call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

Dora Christian Church

For the Sunday, April 18 services at Dora Christian Church in Lagro the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Preacher Mark Wisniewski's message for this Sunday will be "On Fire" from Hebrews 12:29. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. There will be a children's church provided for the 10:30 a.m. service, to be taught by Kelly and Lynnette Good. If you can't make it to the live services, Preacher Mark Wisniewski's sermon will be posted on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group Sunday morning for all to see.

LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at www.lafontainechristian.com under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is live-streaming on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church> and that it may be accessed as a video afterward.

Lincolnville United Methodist Church

Lincolnville United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship

service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. by visiting NMMC1.com.

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m. Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit www.livingfaithwabash.org.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester Cob YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed

at www.nmmci.com.

Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch or through the church website www.olivebranch.church. Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. At this time we are not having Sunday School. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email rvmc@hotmail.com.

Roann United Methodist Church

Pastor Wayne Balmer will have service in person at the church along with being online at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 18. The sermon will be taken from 1st John 2:3-6 titled, "Walk as Jesus Did."

Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to www.urbanayokeparish.com. Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn and the youth pastor is Jody Tyner. For more information, call 765-833-9931, fax 765-833-6561 or mail P.O. Box 11, Roann, IN 46974.

Wabash Church of the Brethren

At the Wabash Church of the Brethren, Pastor Doug Veal is holding a Zoom meeting each Sunday for worship. The meeting is open at 10:15 a.m. so that everyone can be connected by 10:30 a.m. Join this church service by visiting <https://zoom.us/j/393263884> or by calling 312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID No. 393 263 884.

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 West Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live-stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website wabashchristian.org. Stephen Eberhard is the guest preacher.

Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and search for "Wabash Nazarene" or search Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit www.wabashnaz.com, look for the home page, and find "Latest Sermon."

Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 18 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on "Jesus and Our Family Relationships." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. While in the church building, masks are optional but we do practice social distancing. Sunday servants are Pastor Robb Rensberger, chairperson; Sue White, worship; Nancy Kolb, piano; and Rose Sands, organ.

Walk By Faith Community Church

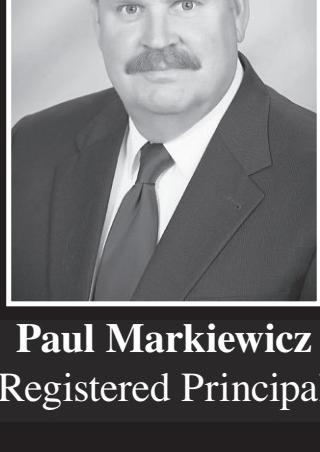
At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The "Walk by Faith" Youth Ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Ted and DeLinda Brower and Craig and Tonya Hoppes. Pastor Jody Tyner will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. For more information, call 765-833-6561 or mail P.O. Box 11, Roann, IN 46974. Pastor Greg Wilburn says to access his online sermons, visit www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.

Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at www.facebook/zionwabash at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. *Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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Northern Indiana Amish see hurdles to getting COVID-19 vaccines

By RASMUS S. JORGENSEN
The Elkhart Truth

ELKHART — The local Amish population faces barriers to getting vaccinated for COVID-19 that other groups do not, as Hoosiers generally need to make vaccination appointments online or by phone and clinics are located in towns and cities.

About 26,000 Amish residents live in Elkhart and LaGrange counties, according to the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College. In Elkhart County, a direct effort to get shots to the Amish has yet to launch, according to county Health Officer Dr. Bethany Wait.

First, she said, the county and state are reaching out with information.

"We are at the point where they are not ready to choose vaccines. I think we are at the point where they want more information about vaccines. At least that's the feedback that we're getting," she said.

Wait believes the Elkhart County Health Department, not the state, should be in charge of getting doses to the Amish community when that time comes.

"We're going to have to do that. I think we have the closest relationship, in general, with the Amish population," she said.

But for now — even if members of the Amish community wish to get vaccinated it isn't easy, according to Wait.

"I don't think you can target the Amish population if you're requiring online registration," she said.

Sociologist Cory Anderson, a postdoctoral scholar at Penn State University and editor of the Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies, said the Amish have ways of getting around the barriers, but the fact that barriers exist is likely to mean fewer get vaccinated.

"Even though the Amish and the conservative Mennonites are going to have restrictions of one nature or another on the internet and telephone access, they've lived with these restrictions so long that they know full-well what are workarounds to getting to what they need to get access to," Anderson said.

"If the desire is there among Amish individuals to seek out a vaccine, I don't think registering for them through the telephone or even through the internet is going to be an issue for most Amish."

Another issue is transportation. According to the Indiana State Department of Health, the vaccination sites nearest to the local Amish communities are in Goshen and Topeka. LaGrange County only has one other site, which is in Howe, and the nearest site in Kosciusko County is in Warsaw.

"While arranging long-distance transportation in a motor vehicle can be a little bit of a hassle for the Amish, they coordinate their transportation together; they've got ways to get places where they need to go. But it is going to be a little more hassle than for those of us that can just hop in a personally owned automobile and go where we need to," Anderson said. "But I wouldn't say that the obstacle is a great struggle or insurmountable."

Still, it could be the barrier that keeps some from getting immunized, he said.

"The Amish are very busy people, so it's going to be a little extra hassle, and that might be a little bit of a reason why they might not seek out the vaccine as readily," he said.

Anderson praised Indiana health officials for their outreach to Amish communities during the pandemic.

"In my observations of the northern Indiana Amish community, and especially in Elkhart County, the health department has been fairly proactive throughout the entire coronavirus pandemic to communicate with the Amish and Mennonite population locally," Anderson said.

One example of that is the state running advertisements in Amish newspapers, encouraging vaccination and

providing the 211 phone number that can be used to book appointments.

In the past few months, Anderson has been researching what might explain Amish and Mennonite hesitation toward getting vaccinated for COVID-19. Those groups are generally more hesitant than the population at large, though some other groups tend to be skeptical as well. One of the reasons for the hesitancy is a strong sense of identity as Amish and Mennonite people, Anderson said.

"That translates into a desire to be in control of and have ownership of their own affairs," he said. "So they are going to be suspicious of a program that comes pushing into the setting without first gauging their opinion or getting their reactions or giving them time to own that particular program as theirs."

The Amish have a strong collective memory of persecution in Europe. Even if today's Amish population has not lived through the same persecution, that collective memory causes a stronger distrust of government and science than many others have, according to Anderson.

A final reason for Amish hesitancy is their strong opposition to abortion, Anderson said. Though the available COVID-19 vaccines do not contain aborted fetal cells, Pfizer and Moderna tested their vaccines using fetal cell lines that descend from cells taken from elective abortions in the 1970s and 1980s, and Johnson & Johnson use fetal cell lines in testing and now in production, according to infectious diseases expert Dr. James Lawler.

"Even that is enough to make them very nervous," Anderson said. "The facts about that particular issue maybe muddy people's understanding so they don't even really know what's true."

And the issue isn't just with COVID-19 vaccines. Anderson said a study completed before the coronavirus pandemic showed that acceptance of vaccines declined in one Amish community in Ohio in the last decade.

But there are no rules against vaccines, so those who want a shot and can get around the barriers can get vaccinated.

In LaGrange County, about one-third of the county's roughly 40,000 residents are Amish, according to AmishAmerica.com. Because of the large Amish population, the state is working with Topeka Pharmacy, which owner Trevor Thain said has had some success getting shots to those communities, even though difficulties persist.

"I am starting to see more and more people come in and get their vaccines, including some Amish," Thain said.

Many Amish are skeptical, he said, but that is also the case for other parts of the population. LaGrange County was the least successful in the state at getting residents older than 16 vaccinated until late March, but, with its 13.4 percent, it has overtaken Newton County, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

Elkhart and Daviess counties, at 18.4 and 17.9 percent, respectively, are also lagging the state as a whole, which is now at 21.4 percent. It is worth noting, Anderson said, that counties with large Amish populations tend to have a large percentage of young residents, who haven't been able to get vaccinated for as long older residents.

Thain hopes that, as elders and well-respected members of Amish communities are getting their second doses of the Moderna vaccine without significant side effects, others will be persuaded to get their shots as well. According to Anderson, Amish communities value internally produced knowledge highly, so those sorts of experiences could be effective.

Since doses stay good for only six hours after being removed from refrigeration, Topeka Pharmacy generally requires people to sign up by calling or visiting the pharmacy website. But some walk-ups have been allowed, especially for the Amish.

FBI says it interviewed FedEx mass shooter last year

By CASEY SMITH
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/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — FBI agents last year interviewed the gunman who fatally shot eight people at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis, the bureau said Friday, as investigators searched the home of the 19-year-old former FedEx employee.

Coroners began the slow process of identifying the victims as family members spent hours agonizing over word of their loved ones. The slayings Thursday night marked the latest in a string of recent mass shootings to rock the U.S.

The shooter was identified as Brandon Scott Hole of Indianapolis, Deputy Police Chief Craig McCarron told a news conference. Investigators searched a home in Indianapolis associated with Hole and seized evidence, including desktop computers and other electronic media, McCarron said.

Paul Keenan, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Indianapolis field office, said Friday that agents questioned Hole last year after his mother called police to say that her son might commit "suicide by cop." He said the FBI was called after items were found in Hole's bedroom but he did not elaborate on what they were. He said agents found no evidence of a crime and that they did not identify Hole as espousing a racially motivated ideology.

McCarron said Hole was a former employee of the company and last worked for FedEx in 2020. McCarron said he did not know why Hole left the job or if he had ties to the workers in the facility. He said police have not yet uncovered a motive for Thursday's shooting but added that law enforcement officers seized a gun from

him last year. McCarron also said authorities are still identifying the victims and that not all of the victims' families have been notified.

Hole started randomly firing at people in the parking lot and then went into the building and continued shooting late Thursday night, McCarron said. He said the shooter apparently killed himself shortly before police entered the building.

"There was no confrontation with anyone that was there," he said. "There was no disturbance, there was no argument. He just appeared to randomly start shooting."

McCarron said four people were killed outside the building and another four inside. Several people were also wounded, including five who were taken to the hospital. McCarron said the slayings took place in a matter of minutes.

Officials with the coroner's office began the process of identifying victims Friday afternoon, a process they said would take several hours.

Police Chief Randal Taylor noted that a "significant" number of employees at the FedEx facility are members of the Sikh community, and the Sikh Coalition later issued a statement saying it was "deeply saddened to learn" that Sikh community members were among the wounded and killed.

The coalition, which identifies itself as the largest Sikh civil rights organization in the U.S., said in the statement that it expected authorities to "conduct a full investigation — including the possibility of bias as a factor." The coalition's executive director, Satjeet Kaur, noted that more than 8,000 Sikhs Americans live in Indiana.

The agonizing wait by the workers' families was exacerbated by the fact that most

employees aren't allowed to carry cellphones inside the FedEx building, making contact with them difficult.

"When you see notifications on your phone, but you're not getting a text back from your kid and you're not getting information and you still don't know where they are ... what are you supposed to do?" Mindy Carson said early Friday, fighting back tears.

Carson later said she had heard from her daughter Jessica, who works in the facility, and that she was OK. She was going to meet her, but didn't say where.

FedEx said in a statement that cellphone access is limited to a small number of workers in the dock and package sorting areas to "support safety protocols and minimize potential disruptions."

FedEx Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Frederick Smith called the shooting a "senseless act of violence."

"This is a devastating day, and words are hard to describe the emotions we all feel," he wrote in an email to employees.

The killings marked the latest in a string of recent mass shootings across the country and the third mass shooting this year in Indianapolis. Five people, including a pregnant woman, were shot and killed in the city in January, and a man was accused of killing three adults and a child before abducting his daughter during an argument at a home in March. In other states last month, eight people were fatally shot at massage businesses in the Atlanta area, and 10 died in gunfire at a supermarket in Boulder, Colorado.

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett said the community must guard against resignation and "the assumption that this is simply how it must be and we might as well get

used to it."

President Joe Biden said he had been briefed on the shooting and called gun violence "an epidemic" in the U.S.

"Too many Americans are dying every single day from gun violence. It stains our character and pierces the very soul of our nation," he said in a statement. Later, he tweeted, "We can, and must, do more to reduce gun violence and save lives."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she was "horified and heartbroken" by the shooting and called for congressional action on gun control.

"As we pray for the families of all affected, we must work urgently to enact commonsense gun violence prevention laws to save lives & prevent this suffering," the Democratic leader said in a tweet.

A witness said he was working inside the building when he heard several gunshots in rapid succession.

"I see a man come out with a rifle in his hand and he starts firing and he starts yelling stuff that I could not understand," Levi Miller told WTHR-TV. "What I ended up doing was ducking down to make sure he did not see me because I thought he would see me and he would shoot me."

A man told WTTV that his niece was sitting in the driver's seat of her car when the gunfire erupted, and she was wounded.

"She got shot on her left arm," said Parminder Singh. "She's fine, she's in the hospital now."

Gov. Eric Holcomb ordered flags to be flown at half-staff until April 20, and he and others decried the shooting.

Chris Bavender, a spokesperson for the FBI's Indianapolis office, said the bureau is helping with the investigation.

Biden speeds refugee admissions but doesn't lift Trump's annual cap

By ZEKE MILLER,
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Friday signed an emergency determination that officials said would speed refugee admissions to the U.S., but he did not immediately lift his predecessor's historically low cap of 15,000 refugees for this year.

Biden, instead, is adjusting the allocation limits set by former President Donald Trump, which officials said have been the driving factor in limiting refugee admissions. The new allocations provide more slots for refugees from Africa, the Middle East and Central America and lift Trump's restrictions on resettlements from Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

Since the fiscal year began on Oct. 1, just over 2,000 refugees have been resettled in the U.S. A senior administration official said Biden's new allocations, formalized in an emergency presidential determination, could result in speedier admissions of already screened and vetted refugees in a manner of days.

Refugee resettlement agencies applauded the move to speed admissions and provide more slots but were disheartened that

Biden is for now keeping the cap set by Trump.

"It sends an important message to make it higher and now Biden will still be presiding over and has essentially put his stamp of approval on the lowest refugee admissions cap in history at time of global crisis," said Mark Hetfield, president of HIAS, a Maryland-based Jewish nonprofit that is one of nine agencies that resettle refugees in the U.S.

Biden presented a plan to Congress two months ago to raise the ceiling on admissions to 62,500 and to eliminate restrictions imposed by Trump that have disqualified a significant number of refugees, including those fleeing war.

But Biden has not issued a presidential determination since his administration notified Congress, as required by law. The action does not require congressional approval and past presidents have issued such presidential determinations that set the cap on refugee admissions shortly after the notification to Congress.

The Biden administration has given no explanation as to why the president has kept the refugee admissions cap.

Biden has pledged to raise the refugee cap for the next fiscal year to 125,000 and signaled he would try to

make a "down payment" on that this year, but acknowledged it wouldn't be easy.

"It's going to take time to rebuild what has been so badly damaged, but that's precisely what we're going to do," Biden said in February at the State Department.

The White House said it intends to use all 15,000 slots under the existing cap. The senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the matter, said that Biden also would raise the current year cap if needed, but that the priority was moving to adjust from which areas refugees would be admitted.

Under Biden's new allocation, about 7,000 slots are reserved for refugees from Africa, 1,000 from East Asia, 1,500 from Europe and Central Asia, 3,000 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 1,500 from the Near East and South Asia and a reserve of about 1,000 slots to be used as needed.

The State Department, which coordinates flights with resettlement agencies, booked 715 refugees to come to the United States with the anticipation that Biden would have acted by March, but those flights were canceled since the refugees were not eligible under Trump's rules, according to resettlement agencies.

Most of the refugees are from Africa and fleeing armed conflict or political persecution. Trump limited most spots for people fleeing religious persecution, Iraqis who have assisted U.S. forces there, and people from Central America's Northern Triangle.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday that the delay in Biden acting was because "It took us some time to see and evaluate how ineffective, or how trashed in some ways the refugee processing system had become, and so we had to rebuild some of those muscles and put it back in place."

Officials also cited the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic but said the expanding vaccination and testing campaigns are making it easier to process new refugee admissions.

Another concern has been the record pace of unaccompanied migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, which has drawn in many of the resources that would go to vetting, processing and resettling refugees in the U.S.

"It is a factor," said Psaki, noting that the Office of Refugee Resettlement "does management and has personnel working on both issues and so we have to ensure that there is capacity and ability to manage both."

Indiana U names Kennesaw State's Whitten next president

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — The Indiana University trustees have selected as the school's next president Pamela Whitten, currently the president of Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

Whitten, who will become U's first female president, was appointed by the university's Board of Trustees following an extensive search,

telemedicine.

Current IU President Michael McRobbie announced in August he would retire when his term ends June 30.

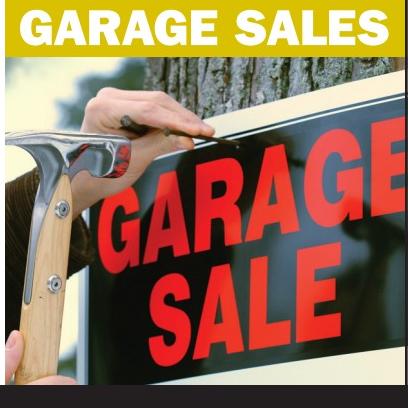
Whitten became Kennesaw State's president in July 2018. From 2014 to 2018, she served as a senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Georgia.

In October, two committees — an 18-member search committee to screen candidates and a 26-member advisory committee to gather input from various stakeholders — formed.

The IU trustees asked that an 18-member search committee to prioritize seeking women and minority candidates for the presidency.

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Sealed bids for the Snow Removal Equipment Building project will be received by the Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners at the Wabash Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 283 West 400 South, Wabash, Indiana 46992, until 11:00 a.m. local time Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the designated time set will be returned unopened. A pre-bid conference for this project will not be held. The Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications may be viewed at the following locations:

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.

2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Goals for minority participation for each trade: Wabash County, IN. 3.7%

Goals for female participation for each trade: National 6.9%

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and non-federally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographic area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Indiana, Wabash County, Wabash. The Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprise will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, or a satisfactory bid bond, executed by the Bidder and an approved surety company in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid proposal. Contractors awarded a contract will be required to furnish acceptable surety bonds in the amount of 100% of the awarded contract price. Said performance and material and payment bond shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months.

BY: Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, Wabash, Indiana.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37, the Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Wabash County gives notice that on April 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., they will meet in public session at 204 N. 300 W., Wabash, Indiana, to discuss and hear objections and support regarding the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities throughout the School Corporation, including roofing and interior improvements at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School and Southwood Jr./Sr. High School. You are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

In light of the changing circumstances as they relate to COVID-19 and the Indiana Governor's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, please check the School Corporation's website prior to the scheduled hearing to receive up to date information about meeting logistics.

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/s/ Board of School Trustees
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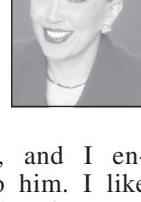


Distance tests strength of military couple's engagement

DEAR ABBY: I've been in a long-distance relationship for 2 1/2 years. We are now engaged, but haven't set a date for our wedding.

We are both in the military, and we have maintained this relationship well. But there was a time before we dated that I was dating someone else. I ended that relationship,

Dear Abby



but haven't healed from it because I see him at work often, and I still have feelings for him.

He lives in my neighborhood, and I enjoy talking to him. I like the attention he gives me, and I'm attracted to him. I blame the geographical distance from my fiance for this. I want someone close, and I would love for it to be the person I am engaged to, but although I try to abstain from this other person, I find myself drawn to him.

— Caught Between Two

DEAR CAUGHT: You say you have been together with your absent fiance for 2 1/2 years, but are still carrying on an emotional affair with the man you broke up with. When you say you are "trying to abstain" from this person, clearly you can't.

What is going on isn't fair to the man you are engaged to. If he knew, I'm sure he would agree. Do not chalk this up to "when I'm not with the man I love, I love the one I'm with." Be honest about what you really want, follow through, and you won't be writing me again years from now asking what to do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a hair-stylist with a client who was referred to me by a mutual friend, "Rita," from high school. Rita is also a client, and we go back 20-plus years. The client, who's close friends with Rita, is picky and a terrible tipper.

She box colors her hair at home, but comes to me for her haircuts. I offer her 10 percent off of her haircut for prebooking, so she gets a \$35 service for \$31.50. She usually tips me \$3.50. She keeps asking me to sell her hair products at a wholesale cost, which I do for my family and for Rita, but no one else.

Cutting her hair is a chore, because she's never completely happy with the service and has asked to come back for free retouching. If she were anyone else, I'd part ways with her, but because of her close relationship with Rita, she sometimes comes to dinner with us on girls' nights and is involved in our group chats.

Is there a discreet way to end this business/client relationship without screwing up my friendship with my high school pal? I'm tired of dealing with her, but I don't know how to get out. — Cutting Her Out

DEAR CUTTING: Handle this by telling Rita what you have written to me and explaining that the two of them may be friends, but you no longer want the woman as a client. Then sweetly tell the woman the next time she calls that your professional relationship doesn't seem to be a good fit because she has voiced dissatisfaction with your work. Then offer to refer her to someone else. Not every client is a good fit and vice versa. It's a fact of business life.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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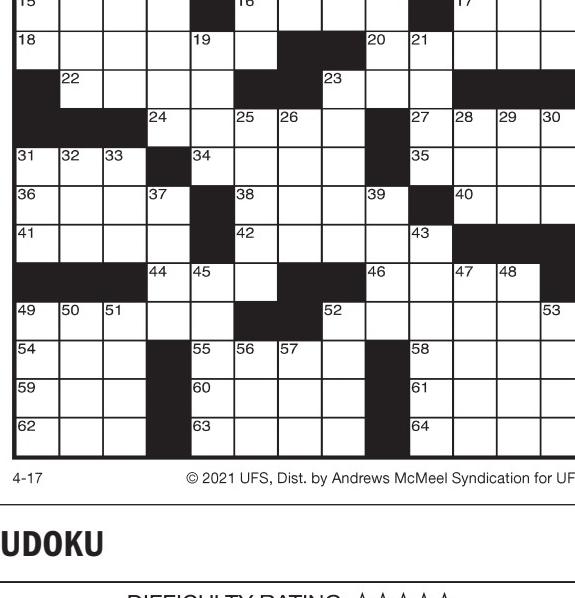
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Rick Espeset gets 600th career victory as Spartans down Quakers

Manchester baseball hosts Transylvania today

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University head baseball Coach Rick Espeset earned his 600th career coaching victory on Wednesday as the Spartans defeated Earlham College 9-7.

Espeset, a six-time Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Coach of the Year honoree, is in his 25th season at the helm of the Manchester baseball program. Espeset has guided Manchester to six HCAC Tournament titles and five HCAC Regular Season championships. Espeset has also taken the Spartans to a pair of NCAA Division III College World Series in 2004 and 2013.

Earlham broke into the scoring column first on Wednesday, scoring a single run in the top of the first. Manchester responded immediately within the home half of the opening frame as senior Michael Pinarski, from Goshen, crushed an opposite-field home run to right-center.

The Black and Gold plated four runs in the bottom of the third inning. A wild pitch allowed Paul Barrow, from Bloomington and Bloomington North, to score easily from third. A couple of Quak-



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er errors allowed the next three runners to score.

Manchester took an 8-1 lead after scoring three more runs in the fourth. Austin Knowles, from Nassau, Bahamas, and Athens Christian High School in Georgia, hit a run-scoring single to left. Jacob Van Pelt, from Parker City and Delta High School, drove home a run with a single to right-center. Zach White, from Logansport, capped the inning with an RBI groundout to first.

Earlham made things interesting late in Wednesday's game. The Quakers struck for

three runs in both the top of the seventh and ninth innings. Following a home run off the bat of Maxwell Fries in the ninth, Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, was called in from the pen to close things out for the Black & Gold.

Kresl allowed a pair of runners but was able to induce an easy groundout and picked off EC's Christian Lancianese for the game's final outs. He earned his second save of the season.

For Manchester, Jacob Van Pelt improved to 3-1 on the mound this spring. Van Pelt

pitched into the seventh inning. He struck out seven Quakers.

Austin Knowles, Michael Pinarski and Paul Barrow all had two hits apiece for the Spartans. Zach White and Jacob Van Pelt both had two RBIs on the day.

Manchester improved to 10-14 with the victory. Earlham dropped to 15-10.

MU will host Transylvania University on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Gratz Field.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester's Harley Kruschwitz named HCAC Newcomer of the Year

Spartans men's soccer finish with a 6-4 record

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its 2021 Men's Soccer All-Conference teams and award winners on Monday, April 12. Five Spartans found themselves on today's awards listings.

Highlighting Monday's awards was newcomer Harley Kruschwitz. Kruschwitz, from North Manchester and Manchester High School, was named the HCAC Newcomer of the Year after an outstanding rookie campaign in a Black and Gold uniform. Kruschwitz played in all 10 games this spring, starting nine of those. He led Manchester with 8 goals and 18 points. He also led MU with 25 shots taken, 13 of which he placed on goal. Kruschwitz added a pair of assists this spring and three of his goals were game-winners. Additionally, Harley was named Second Team All-HCAC.

Joining Kruschwitz on the All-HCAC Second Team were Julian Keough, Cory Mitchell and Keegan Wondergem.

Keough, from Indianapolis and Pike High School, started six of the eight games he played in this spring. The



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first-year scored one goal and dished out three assists for five points.

Mitchell, from Maitland, Florida, and Winter Park High School, also made an immediate impact in his first season at Manchester. Cory started nine of the 10 games he played in this spring. He scored four goals, including a dramatic game-winning goal in the 108th minute against Defiance College. He added an assist for nine total points.

Wondergem, from Hudsonville, Michigan, and Hudsonville High School, also picked up Second Team All-HCAC honors on Monday. Keegan started all 10 games this

spring for Manchester and his physical presence helped bolster a defense that posted three shutouts.

Senior Josh Gonzalez, from Portage, garnered Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors from the league office on Monday. Josh started all 10 matches this spring, scoring three goals while assisting on three others for a total of nine points. Gonzalez's 29 career goals rank seventh all-time in program history. His 73 points rank eighth all-time at MU.

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But the Mr. Basketball voting was more competitive.

Kaufmann-Renn also led his school to two state titles, though in Class 3A. Blackford guard Luke Brown, a Stetson recruit who finished his career with 3,011 points to rank No. 4 on the state's career scoring list, was third with 40 votes.

But after breaking the school's career records for scoring (2,067 points) and rebounding (1,254), Furst managed to become the first Fort Wayne player and first Purdue recruit to win the

ver Creek. Kaufman-Renn, Indiana's 2019-20 Gatorade player of the year, received 47 votes. Both are headed to Purdue next season. "It means a lot," Furst told The Indianapolis Star. "Obviously I'm very humbled and very honored to receive this recognition. It really means a lot. You always want to put the team first so that's always been on the forefront of my mind, especially with everything that happened last season with the state tournament getting taken away from us."

The 6-foot-10 Furst averaged 21.4 points, 14.1 rebounds and 2.2 blocks last season, leading the Braves to a 28-3 mark and their second straight state title.

The 2020 boys basketball tournament was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. He also dished out 3.0 assists last season and was named the Class 2A Trester Mental Attitude award winner.

Blackhawk Christian was a runaway tourney champ, too, winning every game by at least 13 points.

Manchester's Kendal Torrence named HCAC Hitter of the Week

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University softball senior Kendal Torrence has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Hitter of the Week, the league office announced on Monday, April 12.

Torrence, from Lowell, went 7-8 at the plate last week – including going a perfect 5-5 in the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader at Bluffton. Torrence scored four of Manchester's 12 runs against the Beavers. She also hit her first career home run against Bluffton while also doubling once.

Torrence upped her season batting average to .404.



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Sunday's Lineup

(Car number in parentheses)

1. (19) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota

2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota

3. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet

4. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet

5. (22) Joey Logano, Ford

6. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet

7. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford

8. (20) Christopher Bell, Toyota

9. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford

10. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota

11. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet

12. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford

13. (8) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet

14. (47) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet

15. (23) Bubba Wallace, Toyota

16. (21) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford

17. (1) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet

18. (42) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet

19. (6) Ryan Newman, Ford

20. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford

21. (41) Cole Custer, Ford

22. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford

23. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford

24. (48) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet

25. (37) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet

26. (14) Chase Briscoe, Ford

27. (99) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet

28. (15) James Davison, Chevrolet

29. (38) Anthony Alfredo, Ford

30. (43) Erik Jones, Chevrolet

31. (52) Josh Bilicki, Ford

32. (00) Quin Houff, Chevrolet

33. (51) Cody Ware, Chevrolet

34. (77) Justin Haley, Chevrolet

35. (78) BJ McLeod, Ford

36. (7) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet

37. (53) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet

38. (33) Austin Cindric, Ford

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games

Seattle 4, Baltimore 2, 7 innings, 1st game

Minnesota 4, Boston 3

Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 2

Seattle 2, Baltimore 1, 7 innings, 2nd game

Texas 6, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings

Kansas City 7, Toronto 5

Oakland 8, Detroit 4

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 1-0), 1:05 p.m.

Toronto (Roy 0-1) at Kansas City (Singer 0-2), 2:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 0-0) at Boston (TBD), 4:05 p.m.

Detroit (Mize 1-0) at Oakland (Irvin 0-2), 4:07 p.m.

Cleveland (McKenzie 0-0) at Cincinnati (Gray 0-0), 4:10 p.m.

Baltimore (TBD) at Texas (Dunning 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Shoemaker 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Quintana 1-0), 9:07 p.m.

Houston (Greinke 1-1) at Seattle (Flexen 1-0), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Boston, 1:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Cincinnati, 2:10 p.m.

Baltimore at Texas, 2:35 p.m.

Detroit at Oakland, 4:07 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.

Houston at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

Atlanta 7, Miami 6

San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 3

Arizona 11, Washington 6

L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 5

Phila. at N.Y. Mets, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Weaver 1-0) at Washington (Feddle 0-1), 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Ynoa 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Williams 1-1), 2:20 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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San Diego 8, Pittsburgh 3

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Church Directory

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

Sweetwater Assembly of God, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

Wabash Free Will Baptist Church, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

St. Bernard Catholic Church, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm



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LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Church of Christ, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

Wabash Friends Church, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

North Manchester United Methodist Church, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

Roann United Methodist Church, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



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Daily Scripture Readings

Hosea 9:17-10:15	Hosea 11:1-11	Hosea 11:2-12:14	Hosea 13:1-16	Hosea 14:1-9	Leviticus 16:1-19	Leviticus 16:20-34
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